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Serial No.: 10/060,861 ) Examiner: Robert M. Kunemund  
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For: DEVICE FOR DETECTING )  
PRECIPITATE FORMATION IN )  
MICROVOLUMES )

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